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Wilberforce Elementary School principal Gord Wood (left) and Highlands East councillor Steven Kauffeldt shave their heads as part of a cancer fundraiser. See story on page 23.

Inspection overhaul could delay builds

By Mark Arike
 Staff writer

Last October, the board of the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit (HKPR) made a decision to discontinue the On-site Sewage Disposal System program, which falls under Part 8 of the Ontario Building Code. As a result, local municipalities will assume the responsibility of conducting their own on-site sewage inspections on July 1.

Each of the 11 municipalities serviced by the health unit's program were advised

that it would be discontinued. Although contracts expired at the end of December, municipalities were granted short-term extensions up to June 30.

Chief building officials at each of Haliburton County's four municipalities have been preparing for the transition by training staff to take over inspection duties, but no one seems to know how or when they can expect to receive historic permit records as well as active files.

An even bigger concern, it seems, is a letter that was mailed out to property owners in April from Chris Beveridge,

director of environmental health for the HKPR, advising them of the deadline to finalize outstanding sewage system permits.

"In accordance with the OBC [Ontario Building Code], the above mentioned permit may be revoked if construction for which the permit was issued has not been seriously commenced within six months or the construction, in the opinion of the chief building official, was substantially suspended or discontinued for a period of more than one year," stated Beveridge in the letter.

"If the sewage system has not been installed/inspected by [May 30], the sewage system permit will be revoked."

That letter has some local contractors and the Haliburton County Home Builders Association (HCHBA) on edge, because without the septic permit, a building permit cannot be issued.

"It's an impossibility for us to apply to have these permits done right now... lots of times we have permits that we take out a year in advance, knowing that they're not going to go in for a year," said Jack

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User fees rising in Algonquin Highlands

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Facility rental fee rates and fees are going up in Algonquin Highlands.

During a May 1 council meeting, councillors approved a recommendation from Mark Coleman, parks, recreation and trails manager, to change the township's current rental policies.

In his report, Coleman stated that "fees and rates for facility rentals have not changed substantially since 2001."

Coleman provided council a list of fees

that other municipalities are charging, and noted that "it is apparent that there is room for Algonquin Highlands to make adjustments to both the hourly rate and daily maximum fee to coincide with current market values for comparable facilities."

With budget pressures and improvements being made to the township's facilities in the future, Coleman said, "now is the time to start adjusting our rates."

Most of the facilities in Algonquin Highlands charge a rate of \$15 to \$20/hour. Coleman proposed a \$5/hour

increase for each space, followed by another \$5 increase in 2015.

Reeve Carol Moffatt supported his recommendation to increase rates and fees, saying that the treasurer has advised the township find ways of generating more revenue.

Deputy-reeve Liz Danielsen said she was concerned about consecutive increases.

"Having not had increases for quite some time, it did seem like it was substantial. And yet comparatively, it seems reasonable when you look at the rates that are charged in other places," said Danielsen.

Moffatt asked how council felt about two consecutive annual increases, and whether they would rather try out the first year to "see how it goes."

"I believe we need to stick to the plan," said councillor Gord Henderson. "It's our form of mitigation funding."

"We're not doing this because we're trying to become rich here. We're doing this because that Dorset facility, for example, is a hugely expensive property with hydro and heat."

Council voted in favour of Coleman's recommendations without any changes.

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Highlander news

Health unit will no longer inspect septics

Municipalities scramble to ensure county building work continues

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Prentice, a contractor with Tom Prentice & Sons and director for the HCHBA. “If they’re not going to give us some money or give it to the township to finish the final, that means that we possibly could then have to pay two permit fees.”

The current septic permit fee is \$875.

At this time, Prentice says it’s just not feasible to obtain a permit and carry out the work before the end of May. Five of his clients are currently waiting on septic permits, “which means that’s five buildings people are going to be putting off until they get it going because they can’t get a building permit.”

Prentice has been doing his best to keep his clients informed.

“They’re just wanting to wait until they get everything levelled out before they apply for either a septic permit or a building permit. The permit fee is \$875, and that’s a fair chunk of change to possibly have to lay out twice,” he said.

Prentice also wants to see permits and funds transferred to the township sooner rather than later.

“It’s a very short season – we were kind of hoping that somebody in the health unit would maybe get everything straightened out sooner than later. Time is dragging on here.”

Prentice said he has been in communication with staff at the Township of Minden Hills regarding the situation.

“They’re really cooperative, bending over backwards to try to keep me informed about what’s going on.”

Aggie Tose, executive director of the HCHBA, said her organization has been talking to the municipalities since November after the HKPR didn’t renew their contract.

“We are very seriously concerned,” said Tose in an email on May 2.

Mitch O’Grady, chief building official and bylaw enforcement officer for the Township of Algonquin Highlands, is equally as concerned about how property

owners might be affected.

“How are the consumers feeling about the fact that their permit – because it didn’t get dealt with in six months, or say [they] didn’t start the work in six months – [could be revoked]?” said O’Grady in a phone interview. “Now, if you’re giving us deficiency notices then that becomes our responsibility to follow up and enforce Part 8 of the [Ontario Building] Code. What about the money that they had already paid? We’re going to have to go in there and say, ‘Guess what? You don’t have a permit and now it’s going to cost you another \$875.’”

O’Grady wants to know if the township can expect to receive a transfer of the permit fees along with the records they’ve been promised.

“What are we going to do with the active [files] and all of the stuff that’s been on the go for a long time? How come that isn’t cleaned up? Or what is the status?”

Beveridge said that under the OBC, septic permits have a lifespan of six months to a year. The health unit has adopted a policy to review a permit two years after it has been issued “to ensure that they meet the current standard before being finalized.”

The letter he sent out in April addresses projects with a septic permit where construction hasn’t been started.

“That’s the key thing,” said Beveridge in a phone interview. “Those are the permits that are being revoked and they go back eons, essentially.”

Beveridge explained that if a property owner plans to keep the septic permit active and complete construction, the health unit will extend their May 30 deadline.

It’s a very short season – we were kind of hoping that somebody in the health unit would maybe get everything straightened out sooner than later. Time is dragging on here.

Jack Prentice
contractor

“The May 30 deadline was, essentially, permits that have had no construction done on it and people are not requesting an extension, etc. They will be revoked, yes. But if people need an extension, we will extend the permit so they can complete the project,” he said.

When asked how much of an extension could be provided, Beveridge couldn’t provide a definitive answer.

“Well that’s kind of tricky, because how do I extend something that I’m no longer responsible for?”

Beveridge suggested property owners finalize their permits prior to the June 30 cut-off date. If they’re near completion

but can’t make the deadline, he said the health unit will give them another extension and transfer the file over to the municipality along with the “appropriate balance of the fee.”

That way “the property owner isn’t out-of-pocket for a new fee.”

“In some cases, if people want to write and request a refund, that request will be assessed based on the amount

of work done on the permit to issue the permit, and there may be a balance that we may be able to refund. But that will be on a case-by-case situation between the property owner and the health unit.”

Property owners who are considering undertaking a construction project and are looking to get a new permit can still apply for one through the health unit, he said. The permit and fee will then be transferred over to the municipality.

Beveridge pointed out that each municipality was made aware of how funds would be transferred over to them along with the active files.

“If there’s one last step to be done to the file we’ll transfer a third of that [\$875]

fee to the municipality to finish it. If there are two more steps, we’ll transfer two-thirds over.”

The impending transfer of responsibility is the same process that the HKPR was recently involved with in City of Quinte West, he said.

As for the transfer of records, Beveridge is focusing on getting active files – which include an application to construct a sewer system and permit to construct a sewer system – to each municipality before June 30. He said he is still in the midst of figuring out the best way to convert 51,000 historical files into an electronic format.

“Any active files will be supplied to them prior to our deadline. So they’ll have them ready to go; we’re no longer doing the work, they’ll be able to take it over that day.”

The historical files are not needed for projects currently in the works, said Beveridge.

“The historical files are just that – they’re history. They’re approved, they’re in, the systems are built and they’re functioning.”

Beveridge said the health unit provides the septic permit and the final inspection report to the municipality, which means the local building inspector “knows that we have assessed it and they can then issue an occupancy permit for the building when it’s ready to be occupied.”

Dave Burton, warden of Haliburton County and reeve of Highlands East, has organized a special meeting with Beveridge on May 16 at 10 a.m. at county council chambers. He’s encouraging county councillors, CAOs, CBOs, installers and the media to attend.

“I don’t think there’s any need for a grave concern,” said Burton. “I just think there’s some explanation that needs to be laid out and away we go. I think there’s been some misunderstanding of how the transition is going to come about.”

Beveridge said this will be his second meeting with county councillors.



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Editorial opinion

Septic solutions

Haliburton's builders have some real concerns about the transfer of responsibility for septic inspections.

Changes to the septic inspection program have now put the onus on municipalities to process septic permits, which are required in order to receive a building permit. Any hold up in the permit process can put delays on construction, meaning clients are on the hook while builders sit idle waiting for the paperwork to go through.

These changes were announced last October, but with the June 30 deadline looming, no one really seems ready for them.

While the municipalities are saying they have the people in place to do the work, they claim not to have received all the historical information they need for their records – files that include septic information on county properties – from the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit (HKPR) who currently process the inspections. They've also yet to receive the active files, and say they aren't sure exactly how fees will be transferred over, either.

A letter from the HKPR seems to suggest that outstanding permits would even be revoked, although their representatives say that information has been misinterpreted.

The HKPR says they will transfer all the files that will be required to do the inspections over to the appropriate building departments in time for the June 30 deadline, and that fees already paid will be transferred as well so clients don't have to pay twice for the same permit. Septic permits cost \$875.

It's ridiculous that at this point there is still so much confusion.

Chief building officials should have spent the last six months job shadowing the HKPR inspectors, while communication between the health unit, municipalities and builders should have clearly been better. In speaking with all three stakeholders, it's clear nobody

is on the same page.

The home builders association is concerned, and who can blame them? Their members rely on this time of year to

complete projects. They have a relatively small window to work with because no one is putting in a septic during the winter when the ground is frozen. That means any delayed project gets pushed to the spring – along with those revenues.

They normally overcome this by applying for permits well in advance, but uncertainty is causing builders and clients to hold off until after the transition.

Dave Burton, the county's warden, has called a special meeting to try to clear up some of the misinformation out there. He seems to think that will fix the problems and everything will run smoothly after that. But the truth is that, even if everything is lined up and ready to go, there will be a learning curve which will undoubtedly lead to delays, anyway. Perhaps a mid-summer transition date wasn't the best idea after all.

At this point it's about damage control. The information session is a good place to start, but building departments need to test their systems. To do that, they should demand the HKPR send at least some of their active application files along now so the new inspectors can get to work. It's called a stress test and it's a practice used commonly throughout many industries to iron out the kinks in a system before it goes live.

There's still a lot of work to be done to save this construction season from going down the toilet, but with the proper steps it can still be saved.



By Matthew Desrosiers

Small-town mother

Minden Hills is a small town and everyone seems connected in some way.

As a teenager, it sometimes seemed as though my parents had already heard what happened in school that day before my bus reached the municipal parking lot.

For an infamous troublemaker like myself, that particular town trait was dangerous. But as an adult, albeit still an occasional troublemaker, it's a charming trait that makes the town a safe and familiar place for my family to live. It's comfortable to see recognizable faces and to know everyone's back stories. As a reporter, knowing who people are and where they come from makes it easier to find sources for even the most obscure article topics.

But sometimes I can't find the person I'm looking for to get more insight into a story, or the name of a face in that picture that I took of a crowd. And that's when I turn to my mom.

My mother quite possibly knows everyone in town, and she knows where they come from and, through their own insight, oftentimes where they're going. She knows where and when people work, what they do during the day, where they vacation, and what they eat as a snack food. She even knows what they feed their families, and maybe because of that Minden Hills connection, she knows who those families are. In fact, if you were born to someone in this town in the last 24 years, she likely saw your mom through her pregnancy, put her cravings in a plastic bag, and saw one of your first trips into the public eye after your birth.

She's not a barkeep or a waitress, someone you might see on a semi-regular basis. She doesn't work at the corner shop or the garage or some other locale found on Coronation Street (a show she cannot watch without mentioning at least once how much she likes British accents). She works at a local grocery store in Minden, and you might not see her there as much as you used to because she took part-time hours to care for her mom, and then to care for her granddaughter.

According to several people who have mentioned the resemblance to me, you'll know exactly who she is by taking a simple look at my features and making the

connection.

I imagine a lot of people who might be in a hurry will avoid my mom's line-up at the cash register – she's a talker. That's how you knew where I was living, what I was doing, why Justin and I decided to come back, and more than you possibly thought you could know about me before you maybe even knew me, whether you wanted to hear the gruesome details or not. But if you're not in a hurry, I've heard that nothing is as pleasant as bringing your groceries through my mom's till – I've actually heard people tell her that they purposefully choose to shop at the store she works at because of her.

And if you do choose that store, or pick that queue, you'll see the things my mom has ingrained in my psyche over the years. Smile at everyone. Be friendly. Care about people. Work hard, and be loyal to your employer.

My mom is in the perfect position to build a promising career as the town gossip. It's remarkable what people will share as they move their produce from the cart to the conveyor belt, or what they'll talk about with friends while absentmindedly pushing their pin number into the debit card machine.

But if there is nefarious information overheard, she doesn't share it. She just retains what she hears so she'll remember to acknowledge it the next time you run out of milk or butter and pass her way. She won't forget to wish your son a happy birthday or ask how your mother in the nursing home is doing. My mom is so remarkably kind that she'll go out of her way to be generous with her words, her time or a small gift even if she barely knows you and you barely know her, and she does it just because she thinks of you.

She'll remember your connections, and you'll feel connected to her even as you simply run your daily errands. She's a perfect example of how caring and considerate small town folk can be, how everyone is connected even as they're passing by, and she exemplifies the warm-hearted nature of a mom.



By Sue Tiffin

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Letters to the editor

Re: New OPP funding model

Dear editor,

I believe that it is essential that we step back from the present controversy of funding policing services and look at guidance from an historical perspective.

The Canadian Constitution stipulates that the Federal Criminal Law enforcement is the responsibility of the provinces. The protection of person and property and the enforcement of our laws must be available at comparable standards across Canada.

It is important to realize that all laws that contain the powers of arrest and carry prison terms are created at the federal and provincial levels. Municipal councils can pass bylaws that carry financial penalties, but do not have the power of arrest.

The levels of police service required to enforce these laws are largely dictated by federal/provincial policies, such as immigration and labour laws and the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

It is for these reasons that the total cost of police/courts should be paid by the two senior governments.

To my mind it is totally unfair to burden municipalities with the cost of enforcing federal and provincial laws. Municipalities have only the property tax to run their affairs, while the two senior governments have the complete spectrum of income/consumption taxes at their disposal to create a level playing field across the country.

If memory serves, this problem arose in the mid-90s, when the provincial government under Premier Mike Harris decided that it did not like the funding formulas in place for basic public needs and created a who pays for what committee to find a more equitable way of paying for basic services. It was also supposed to be revenue neutral. Whatever happened to that concept? I have no idea.

Anyway, in the name of greater efficiency, monumental changes were made in who pays for what.

I do not recall the details, but I do recall that

provincial politicians divested themselves of responsibility for Property Tax Assessment and created a Crown Corporation, the Municipal Property Tax Corporation (MPAC). Have a problem with your assessment? Don't call your MPP, he/she is not responsible any more.

Ontario Hydro, until then a public utility, was broken up and sold to the private sector in the name of greater efficiency. We are all reaping the fruit of that transaction now (Sir Adam Beck, the creator of Ontario Hydro, is still rolling in his grave).

Since then the operations of the Ministry of the Environment, Natural Resources and others have been largely privatized.

The OPP funding problem being faced by municipalities is one of these historic changes that is the result of downloading the cost of policing from the two senior governments to the municipal sector.

Instead of splitting hairs about seasonal and year round residences, I would like to see a United Association of Municipalities present the provincial government with the fact that constitutionally it is their responsibility to maintain law and order as well as their responsibility to foot the bill.

They have the taxing power to affect everyone fairly and equally, not property owners alone.

The Police Services Act 1990 and the regulations about cost recovery are passed by our MPPs and represent a certain political ideology. They can also be changed or amended by the Ontario legislature.

I listened to OPP superintendent Rick Philbin on Facebook trying to justify cost recovery for policing Ontario municipalities. As a serving police officer it was not his place to make this statement. It should have been made by the Hon. Yasir Naqvi, Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services as part of his governments election platform.

Karl Braeker
Minden

'Tis the season to be jolly

We are on the cusp of summer, or so it seems to this Outsider. Winter was long and extremely white, the snow piling up like Himalayan ranges along the sides of the roads, the temperature dropping to lows in which only polar bears are happy. And then came flood alert. You may know this time of year as spring, but while the word 'winter' effectively describes in one's mind's eye the weather we are to expect, 'spring' just doesn't cut it around these parts.

Flood alert is what I propose we call the season between winter and summer. And I make this statement not in idle jest because I know for many folk it is a worrying time. I myself live on the banks of the Burnt River and watch with a mixed sense of fascination and dread as the snow melts and the waters begin to flow. Up they rise, icebergs and all until one morning I peak from Little Z's bedroom window to find that the back garden is a little bit smaller than the previous day, and the river spins spiralling eddies that waver and circle not just between its banks but up and over

them too.

For the next few days the river advances, swelling to flood the wetland around my property until it looks more like a vast mangrove swamp than the creek that meanders sedately past my door in summertime. The beavers excitedly beat new paths through tasty young alder stems that are well beyond their riverside comfort zone when the flooding abates. My garden surrenders further to the rising water and the horseshoe pit looks likely to be stolen by the all-enveloping tide.

And then, one day there is no more water, no more melt and the threat is lifted, so I think. The river begins to recede and the spot where Little Z and I threw stones and raced sticks is once again my back garden (must remember to rake all those stones up before the first mow of summer). This is when I know summer is coming.

But how easily fooled am I, because the season called flood alert is not done yet. Rain rain rain, how it has rained. And up up up my river came again. My son lets out a joyous whoop on seeing his garden

Photo of the week



A lazy squirrel takes a rest in this feeder.

Photo by Sarah Moffatt

Last word on Armetec

Dear editor,

Michael Barnes of Haliburton concisely got it right in the April 24 issue of The Highlander. I have read the pros and cons.

What impressed me was Armetec's concern for the environment and the facts that most of noise would be well away inland from roads, and they indicated that what would be heard by cottagers in the area would be "pops." Not only that, it would be sporadic and infrequent.

Anyway, it matters not now because Armetec does not want to have a facility where they are not wanted, so they have pulled the plug and will go elsewhere. Your area will not only lose potential jobs, but perhaps more importantly, several local businesses will lose much revenue. You people did it to yourselves. Congrats!

Paul Hicks
Pictou

The Outsider



By Will Jones

submerged again. "Daddy, Daddy! We can play Pooh sticks again."

I, on the other-hand, scowl and check the weather reports.

RAIN WARNING IN EFFECT.
Great!

In the news, politicians and water authorities attempt to assuage our fears but everyone knows that they have no sway over Mother Nature. The rains come, the river rises more and those games of Pooh sticks take on an ominous feel, to me at least. My mood, my expression, is definitely more Eeyore than Pooh, while Little Z bounces around oblivious to the tense undercurrent, with the energy and innocence of Tigger.

Then, one day now just gone by, the weather reports bring news of summer; of sunshine instead of rain, of temperatures more conducive to mosquito and black fly, of warmth and a withering of the flood waters. Flood alert, that season between winter and summer, is over, or so we hope. The river, be it the Burnt, Gull or Drag, the river at which we have stared with dread,

even fear for the past two months, will soon be our friend again. We'll be fishing in it, floating down it, just loving that we live alongside of it.

How soon we will forget the dreaded days of flood alert season as we dive and splash in that refreshing water at the bottom of the garden.

And so it should be because, while we stand no chance of holding back the waters if they so choose to rise beyond our defences, the beauty of the river, be it frozen in winter, warm in summer or bloated in spring, is a spectacle that we are lucky to witness. So give thanks to Mother Nature for not extending flood alert season any longer this year and get out your water toys, your float tubes and swim suits. We are on the cusp of summer I tell you, and it will only be two or three more months until the river is warm enough for you to think about dipping a toe in.

Highlander opinion

Eye on the street: Tell us about your mother and what you are doing for Mother's Day.



Cathy McLean

Moore's Falls

My Mom, God rest her soul, was sharp as a tack and passed away at 93. She was the supreme optimist having just renewed her licence for two more years. She lived in her own home right to the end.

Dianna Dauphine

Haliburton

I am going to Cornwall for Mother's Day. My mom is my rock. I am a grown woman and she still takes care of me.



Dottie Wonker

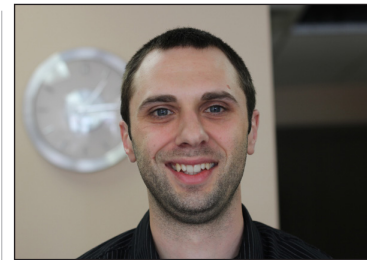
Miners Bay

My mom is 97 and doing great. For Mother's Day I will call her and she will lecture me as usual. She has worn out two pairs of shoes in the last two years.

Drew Carey

Haliburton

Mom is still working after 80 so what else can I say? We have been side by side all my life. I have worked with her for the last 33 years. We are doing up a special diner for her.



Stefan Bjelis

Haliburton

I am very lucky to have a great relationship with my mom. She is a very caring person and puts others before herself. We will do something special for Mother's Day.

Photos and interviews by Walt Griffin

Citizens need to take real action to change OPP billing model

Dear editor,

I am writing the County of Haliburton, the Township of Algonquin Highlands and Ministry of Community Safety regarding my concern over the proposed billing formula for OPP providing community policing in Haliburton. I have included the local papers in on my email in hopes they may publish this letter as a community support piece. The townships in the County of Haliburton have enjoyed the use of OPP for providing community policing services for longer than my family and I have been property owners in Haliburton. We have been long-term property owners for over 60 years and at one time my family even owned a business in Haliburton. We have witnessed ever escalating costs of owning property here at a rate far outweighing the cost of living increases, and it could now come to a head where it is no longer affordable to maintain ownership here. This is primarily resulting from the compounding tax increases of the past and now the tax increase that could result from the proposed OPP billing formula. When we purchased our current property back in the 70s, the taxes were approximately \$250 a year. We could now end up paying over \$3,000. Gulp.

Owning a property in Haliburton at one time was an affordable option for recreational

needs and once was a place for prosperous business ventures. This is no longer the case. Our property taxes alone cost about the same as it does for us to go on a two week vacation to an all-inclusive resort in the Caribbean. With the cost of property taxes it is not hard to understand why it is no longer viable to have a business in Haliburton and how a cottage resort or golf course or restaurant in the county can't possibly compete with the cheaper vacation opportunities to the south. This is a shame as Haliburton has provided me so many fond memories in my life which I am afraid might have to come to an end, and the next generations will not be able to experience.

I do understand the need for a policing billing formula that assures a so called "have not community" pays relatively the same as another "have not community" but it is not fair to expect these areas of the province to pay for the full cost of services like policing, ambulatory services, health care, emergency services and infrastructure. If the true costs of these services were to be put fully on the property taxes of communities like Haliburton, then people would have to leave these areas as it would become completely unaffordable and it's approaching that point.

The entire reason of having a tiered government structure in Canada is to assure there is a somewhat equitable and affordable

standard of living for all of its citizens no matter where they live. The areas of Ontario that have much higher taxbases and strong economic structure can afford to provide some assistance to the areas where the economy is not as strong for whatever the reasons. These other, less prosperous areas provide benefit to the large economic regions of Ontario and their citizens by providing the hugely important recreational needs, large and vitally important environmental areas for wildlife habitat and natural resources which are consumed by the large urban centres. If it is no longer affordable to vacation and spend money in these areas, then people will seek the options of going south for all their recreational needs. There goes more money out of the country right at a time when we need to be bringing more money into the country.

If the billing formula goes forward as proposed it will result in a 25 to 30 per cent tax increase to the Township of Algonquin Highlands. This is outrageous and if the province were to ever propose their tax increase at this rate you can be assured there would be a large revolt from the citizens across the province calling for an election in an effort to boot that government out of power. Well wake up citizens of the rural areas, it is the Ontario government that is downloading more costs again to the

local taxpayer. When will this outrageous downloading from the province ever stop? Do you remember the downloading of highways back in the late 90s, the removal of grants that assured universally good road systems and the downloading of many social services? Those were some of the primary reasons for the property taxes going up so much in the past. The province keeps passing laws making local municipalities implement things because the province can't keep their house in order, so instead of them raising taxes at 25 per cent they pass the buck and your local representatives are left looking like they are the financially irresponsible ones.

If the county is not successful in getting relief of this funding formula then I would suggest the county create its own police force, even if it's at or close to the proposed cost for policing, so that the government of Ontario will see the disgust from its citizens and fear the next election.

I encourage all property owners in Haliburton to contact the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services to express concern over the proposed billing formula and request a much more affordable policing service. Time to stop being an armchair complainer and take action for your community.

C.A. Campbell
Halls Lake





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Meetings and Events

May 12

3:00 pm, Planning & Development Committee meeting, Administration Building, 2nd floor boardroom

May 14

7:00 pm, Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee meeting, Minden Community Centre, Room #3

May 29

7:00 pm, Irondale Advisory Committee meeting Irondale Community Centre

May 19

The Administration Building will be CLOSED for the Victoria Day holiday

May 29

9:00 am, Regular meeting of Council
Minden Council Chambers
(public session 10:00 am)

Employment Opportunity

The Minden Hills Cultural Centre is currently accepting resumes for three (3) summer student positions for the 2014 season, funded through the Young Canada Works Program.

Please visit www.mindenhills.ca for full details.

Ice Huts

The April 30th deadline for removal of ice huts from Municipal property has now passed. All ice huts that were not removed have been relocated to the Scotch Line Landfill and Transfer Station on Scotch Line Road.

Ice Huts will not be released until proof of ownership has been presented and a release form has been signed by the Director of Community Services, located at the Municipal Offices on 7 Milne Street in Minden. To expedite this process, it is advised that you call ahead and schedule an appointment.

For further information, please contact:
Darren Levstek
Interim Director, Community Services
Township of Minden Hills
(705) 286-1260 x213

Road Sweeping

The Roads Department has begun its sweeping maintenance of municipal roadways.

Sidewalks are scheduled for the week of May 5.

The Village of Minden is scheduled for the week of May 12.

All sweeping operations should be completed by the end of the month.



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March 4 to May 17, 2014

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Notice of Fire Hydrant Flushing

Hydrant Flushing is scheduled to be performed throughout the Minden Water Distribution System from May 12 to May 23.

During this period, please allow water to run for 2-5 minutes to clear any discolouration which may occur.

For more information, please contact the Environmental & Property Operations Manager at 705-286-1260 ext. 216 or iingram@mindenhills.ca

Public Notice

As of May 30, 2014, the Administrative Office for the Community Services Department (currently located at Scout Hall in the Minden Community Centre) and the office of the Director of Community Services, will be relocated to the first floor of the Municipal Offices for the Township of Minden Hills.

All activities currently conducted at the Scout Hall location will now be conducted through the Municipal Office location.

After May 29, 2014, the Administrative Assistant for the Community Services Department can be reached at (705) 286-1260 x205.

Contact information for the Director of Community Services will remain the same.

Did You Know – 2014 E-lection

The municipality is offering 3 different ways to vote in the 2014 Municipal Election.

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Please visit our website at www.mindenhills.ca for more information.



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Highlander news

MayDay un-Tweeted

By Sue Tiffin
Staff writer

Local and seasonal residents took to social media to rally against the proposed OPP billing model on May 1, dubbed OPP May Day by the county.

Protesting against a 20-36 per cent potential increase in tax rates across all four Haliburton County municipalities, councillors asked their constituents to send messages, emails, letters, faxes, or phone their government representatives in an attempt to bring attention to the issue.

Tourism director Amanda Ranson tracked the results of the public support, and said 274 Tweets (or messages on social media site Twitter) were posted by 6 p.m. that night, reaching about 26,487 people.

"Just over 200 tweets for #OPPMayDay so far?" said Amanda Ranson in the midst of the call to action. "Come on, #MyHaliburtonHighlands, we can do better than that."

"There was surprisingly low participation from citizens but those who rallied really shaped their thoughts nicely," said seasonal visitor Jillian Lawrence.

Lawrence thought there was lots of media coverage of the event, including from CBC

Radio, The Toronto Star and local media.

Minden Hills reeve and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario OPP billing steering committee county representative Barb Reid spent her morning representing Haliburton County on Peterborough radio station CHEX and CBC Ontario Morning.

"I think [the May 1 participation] was a good start, but if anyone didn't get a chance to email on May 1, it's not too late," she said. "Staff in the office of the premier and ministry staff are seeing these communications and more is better."

Yasir Naqvi, minister of community safety and correctional services, responded to the messages sent to him.

"We are working closely with @AMOPolicy [and] municipalities to develop an OPP billing model that is fair, equitable & transparent #OPPMayDay," he tweeted.

"I can tell you we've received quite a lot of calls from the County of Haliburton," a representative from Yasir Naqvi's office told The Highlander.

The county will continue lobbying against the bill and encourages residents to send a letter, make a phone call, or email a message to political representatives to express their concerns, even if they missed the call to action on May 1.

OPP in brief

Woman charged for stolen plates

A Haliburton woman has been charged after police stopped her vehicle and discovered the licence plate was stolen.

April Pearsell, 34, was pulled over in her 1997 green Sunfire. Her car was impounded for seven days, and she has been charged with possession of property under \$5,000, driving while disqualified, driving while under suspension, using plates that aren't authorized, operating a motor vehicle without insurance, and failing to apply for a permit.

Pearsell will appear in the Ontario Court of Justice on June 4 to answer the charges.

Car theft in Minden

Ross Garrison, 61 of Minden, has been charged after he allegedly stole a vehicle from a residence on Sedgwick Road on May 3.

The Ontario Provincial Police responded to the address, where Garrison was found after returning

the 2000 black Cadillac to its owner. Garrison has been charged with theft of a motor vehicle under \$5,000, impaired driving, driving with over 80 mgs of alcohol, two counts of driving while disqualified, driving while under suspension, and using plates that aren't authorized.

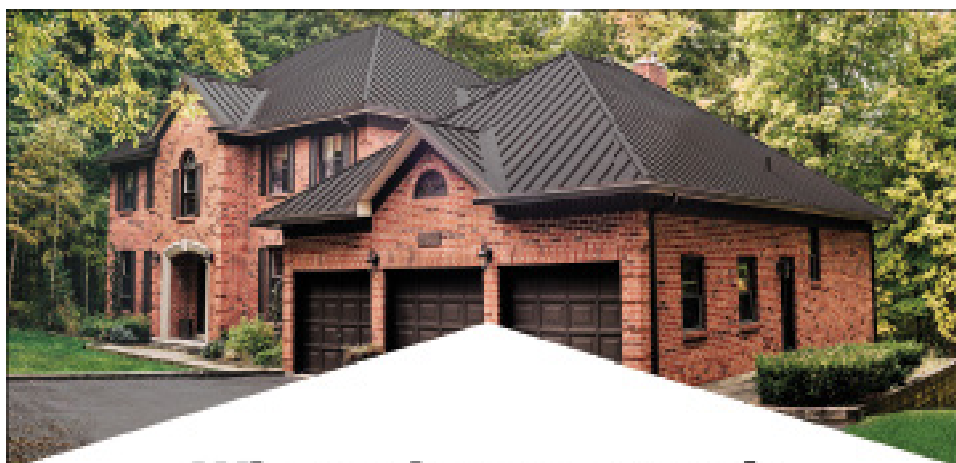
He is scheduled to appear in the Ontario Court of Justice in Minden on June 4.

Fatality on Buckslide

Police are investigating a fatal collision that happened in Algonquin Highlands on May 4.

At approximately 6 p.m., the Ontario Provincial Police responded to a motor vehicle collision on Buckslide Road. The accident happened roughly 10 kilometres north of Carnarvon.

Thomas Barker, 68 of Oshawa, was the lone occupant of the 2007 Dodge truck. While the collision is still being investigated, police are waiting for the results of a post-mortem to determine if a medical condition played a role in the accident.



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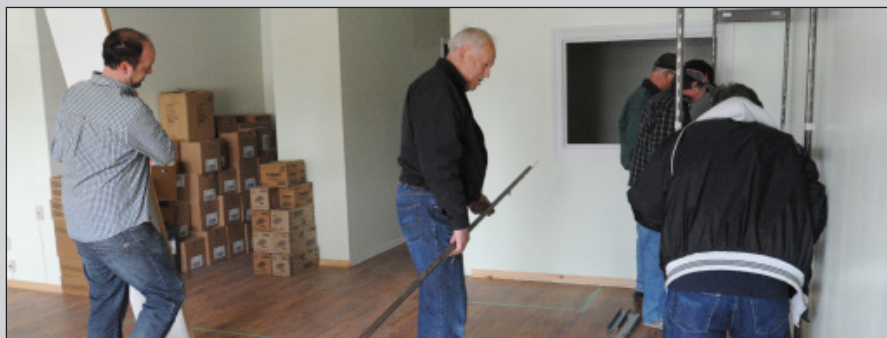


Photo by Mark Arike

Volunteers set up shelves at the Haliburton Food Bank's new home, located at 26 York Street. The thrift store will stay open at its current location.

4Cs Haliburton expanding

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

The Haliburton 4Cs Food Bank has expanded.

On May 3, about a dozen volunteers spent their day clearing off shelves and moving food items across the street to the food bank's newly acquired space.

"We knew how crowded we were," said director Rose Barry. "It was really getting hard."

Barry said that the board of directors made the decision to relocate the food bank about a month ago. The Lily Ann Thrift Store now encompasses the entire space at 33 York Street while all of the food items are stored and made available to the public at 26 York Street, the former space of GransKids Apparel and

Accessories.

"We have more room here," said Judy MacDuff, director and treasurer.

The food bank's new space is about 200 square feet larger and features a private office where clients can be interviewed. Due to the move, the thrift store will have an additional 500 square feet of space.

"We can expand the store and hopefully that way we're going to make enough money to cover what we pay for rent here plus some," said MacDuff.

The food bank reopened on Tuesday for its regular hours of operation.

According to MacDuff, the food bank served 128 households in Haliburton County during the month of March. Single individuals and families with as many as six people are included in this figure.

Algonquin Highlands finances managed very well: auditor

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

The Township of Algonquin Highlands's financial statements have passed the test for 2013.

During a May 1 regular council meeting, Carl Pahapill and Maryanne Poland of Pahapill and Associates Professional Corporation Chartered Accountants presented the auditor's report.

"It's a stable, healthy financial position," said Pahapill.

Some of the highlights included just over \$3.86 million in revenue, \$5.87 million in expenses and a surplus of more \$132,000. Tax receivables were down nearly \$200,000 from the previous year.

Poland pointed out that snowplowing came in \$70,000 over budget. Legal fees were also \$35,000 above the budgeted figure, part of which includes "ongoing discussions with the prior contractor on the airport."

Overall, the township is "very well controlled and managed financially," said Pahapill. "We didn't have any issues during the course of the audit."

"The reports are great," said councillor Gord Henderson.

Reeve Carol Moffatt was pleased with the auditor's report.

"It's a good team effort all around," she said.

Council approves truck purchase

The public works department in Algonquin Highlands is getting a new truck from Curry Motors in Haliburton.

On May 1, council approved the \$30,000 purchase of a 2014 half-ton crew cab 4x4. According to operations manager Mike Thomas, the vehicle will replace a 2006 GMC pickup currently being used by the Stanhope yard maintenance department.

Curry Motors was the only local supplier that provided a bid in response to the written tender.

Deputy-reeve Liz Danielsen asked whether Thomas had compared pricing with suppliers outside of the county. He said he hadn't.

"It has been widely understood that you can't give a local preference," said Reeve Carol Moffatt, explaining that policies are currently under review at the county level.

CAO Angie Bird explained that dealers are able to provide municipalities a discount for work vehicles, and that at the moment GM dealers are able to offer a better discount than other auto makers.

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Highlander arts

Abstract Art and Painters Eleven

Although there are many different schools or 'isms' of abstract art, the genre can generally be described as a technique where the creative use of shapes, colours and lines results in art that does not attempt to represent reality.

Abstract art represents what is being felt on the inside rather than what is being seen on the outside and it gives the artist total creative freedom to express him or herself without the conventions of realistic interpretations.

An abstract artist might want to convey what a flower smells like, which is a difficult concept to get your mind around. But because scent can't be seen, it's intangible and any visual representation of scent is therefore an abstraction.

Some art historians consider that abstract art started in 1906 with the work of the little-known Swedish painter and mystic Hilma of Klint. Sometime later in 1911, Wassily Kandinsky, more commonly accepted as the father of the movement, painted his first abstract.

Some other famous abstract artists are Piet Mondrian, Robert Rauschenberg, Mark Rothko, Franz Kline, Willem de Kooning and Jackson Pollock.

Pollock, who died in 1956 and is best known for his 'paint drip' technique, said: "New needs need new techniques. And the modern artists have found new

ways and new means of making their statements... the modern painter cannot express this age... in the old forms of the Renaissance or of any other past culture."

The abstract movement in Canada started in Quebec in 1941 with Paul-Emile Borduas and Jean-Paul Riopelle. But it wasn't until 1953 that abstract painting was taken seriously in English speaking Canada when eleven abstract painters from Ontario got together to form the Painters Eleven.

The group consisted of Oscar Cahen, Hortense Gordon, Tom Hodgson, Alexandra Luke, Jock Macdonald, Ray Mead, Kazuo Nakamura, William Ronald, Walter Yarwood, Jack Bush and Harold Town.

Unlike the Group of Seven, Painters Eleven shared no artistic vision and they differed greatly in age. The group disbanded in 1960, but in those seven short years it consolidated the concept of abstract art in Canada. Ronald, Bush, Town and Riopelle went on to establish international reputations, due in part to successful showings in several American galleries and recognition from influential American art critics.

The Art Gallery of Ontario gave major exhibitions to Jack Bush in 1976, Harold Town in 1986 and to Kazuo Nakamura in 2004, and works by group members

have realized high prices at Canadian and international fine art auctions. Today the largest collection of the works of Painters Eleven can be found in the Robert McLaughlin Gallery in Oshawa.

On Thursday May 1 in the common room of the Agnes Jamieson Gallery in Minden, curator Laurie Carmount gave a talk about Artists Eleven and also showed eleven short movies titled 'Eleven in Motion, Abstract Expressions in Animation,' produced by the Toronto Animated Image Society.

Each short animated movie was produced by a different person. They all used, with varying degrees of success, abstract techniques in attempting to represent the concepts and works of the Artists Eleven. The movies were fascinating and people enjoyed them. Afterwards, brushes and paints were provided and some stayed on to try their hand at abstract painting.

For me the evening brought back memories of my early days living in downtown Toronto. I knew several artists and I often frequented galleries and art openings. One day I was in Hercules, a famous old Army Surplus store on Yonge Street. The store had a second floor where the clothing was kept. As I was wandering around looking for an American navy pea jacket I noticed a man in the corner

primping and preening in front of a mirror. He had put on one of the expensive, full-length buffalo fur coats which were for sale.

I recognized him immediately as Harold Town. Town was very well-known at the time, not just for his art but also as a handsome ambassador for the abstract movement. He had rugged good looks, with long hair, sideburns and whiskers. He cut quite a figure and he knew it. Although I didn't know him personally I had been at several art openings where he was the star attraction and I liked to think that he recognized me.

"What do you think," he asked doing a little strut in the buffalo coat and turning up the collar.

"It looks great," I replied.

"I agree," he responded, and with that he turned and made his way down the stairs. I saw Town occasionally after that, walking in the winters, and on each occasion he would be wearing the buffalo fur coat.

Town died in Peterborough in 1990 and although he didn't influence my own forays into abstract photography directly, he and the others in Artists Eleven laid the foundations that made it possible.

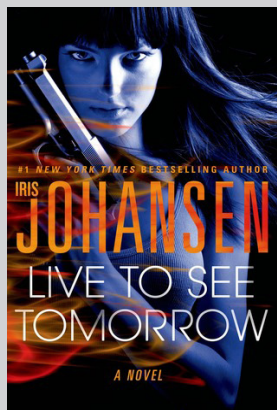
What's Up



By George Farrell

Haliburton County's Hot Reads

The following are popular new additions to the Haliburton County Public Library's collection this week.



HCPL'S TOP FICTION

1. Live to See Tomorrow by Iris Johansen
2. Natchez Burning; a novel by Greg Iles
3. Unlucky 13 by James Patterson

HCPL'S TOP NON-FICTION

1. Naked Imperfection by Gillian Deacon
2. The Mindful Caregiver; finding ease in the caregiving journey by Nancy Kriseman
3. Let's Just Say It Wasn't Pretty by Diane Keaton

HCPL'S TOP JUNIOR TITLES

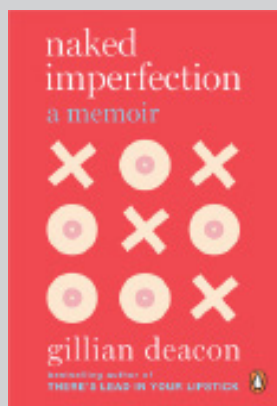
1. Olivia Helps Mother Nature by Lauren Forte (Picture Book)
2. The Ninja Librarians: the accidental keyhand by Jen Swann Downey (JF)

AUDIO AND VIDEO AT HCPL

1. Thor: The Dark World (DVD)
2. The Other Story by Tatiana de Rosnay (Book on CD)

LIBRARY NEWS

The Friends of the Haliburton County Public Library will be holding their Annual General Meeting and Members Afternoon starting at 1 p.m. on May 15 at the community room in Haliburton. Sue Robinson from the Haliburton County Public Library will be presenting on the Haliburton County Seed Library. Friends members attend for free, or \$5 for the general public.



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Highlander arts



Photos by Sue Tiffin

Bev Pike (left) and Shelley Beach took part in the Eleven in Motion: Abstract Expressions in Animation art history night on May 1 at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery.



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Painting in motion at Agnes Jamieson

By Sue Tiffin
Staff writer

The magic number at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery in Minden on May 1 was 11. Eleven painters, 11 short films.

Curator Laurie Carmount presented the event, called Eleven In Motion: Abstract Impressions in Animation, that detailed the work of a group of artists in the 1950s known as the Painters Eleven. She spoke about the artists, showed samples of their work, and then played 11 short films that were each dedicated to one artist in the group.

And then she let the 20 guests to the event share any inspiration they felt from the artists' stories or the short films, by expressing themselves with paint.

"I'm here to widen my experience in painting," said Bev Pike of Kennisis Lake,

who painted a picture of her son. "I'm learning."

"I came because I like to support the gallery and things they offer," said local artist Shelley Beach, paintbrush in hand. "I'm glad we came."

Carmount said this was the first time the gallery had organized an event incorporating multimedia and art, but she planned to host more similar events in the future.

"We're going to try to involve more of our technology to give a bigger and broader experience at the gallery," she said.

Carmount said more than half of the people attending the May 1 event weren't artists, but had come along to learn more or try their hand at painting.

"It's abstract art," she said. "Anybody can do abstract art."

Highlander business



Photo by Mark Arike

Jamie Purnell, owner of Cutting Edge Isabelles, enjoys the view out her salon window.

Young hairstylist cuts ribbon

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

After working at a local hair salon for five years, Jamie Purnell has decided to try her hand at running her own business in Haliburton.

With the support of her boyfriend and family, the 24-year-old entrepreneur officially opened the doors to Cutting Edge Isabelles on May 1.

"It was really busy," said Purnell, who experienced a few solid days of business in her first week.

Purnell's father is originally from the Highlands, but she relocated from Toronto at the age of two. After graduating from Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, she enrolled in a nine-month program at Marca College, a hairdressing school in Toronto, while working at a salon part-time.

Purnell then became an apprentice at Heads Up Hair Stylists in Haliburton, which is where she gained five years of invaluable experience. She has now been licensed for

four years.

"I want to take the time to thank them for all the great years. We had a lot of great times and I had a lot of great experiences for sure," said Purnell.

Although she didn't know when she would open up a salon, it's something that's always been in the back of her mind.

"I just didn't know when or where; it just kind of happened and worked out really good."

But Purnell didn't do it all on her own. Her boyfriend installed the flooring, painted the walls and installed a railing around the deck. The pair had set up shop within two weeks.

Not only will the building at 52 Victoria Street serve as her business, but it's also her newly acquired home.

"I just moved in on the first – it's a bit crazy," she laughed.

Before opening her location, Purnell continued to serve some of her clients by providing house calls. She's grateful for their ongoing support.

"There's been a lot of support from the

community."

Getting things up-and-running has been a challenge in itself, seeing as Purnell currently teaches 14 dance classes at Heritage Ballet. She's been a teacher at the studio for the past two years and doesn't plan on stopping.

Some of Purnell's services include colouring, cuts, wash, blow dry and perms. She's also available for special occasions such as weddings.

Since Isabelle is her middle name, she decided to incorporate it into her business's name. When customers read the stained glass sign - which was donated by local artist Tom Green - that greets them, there tends to be some confusion.

"Everybody comes in and says, 'Who the heck is Isabelle?' Technically it's me."

As for the future, Purnell hopes to still have her own salon and continue offering dance lessons.

"I love what I do right now, so I just hope the future stays the same."

To book an appointment call Purnell at 705-457-7363. Walk-ins are welcome.

Community brunches to benefit food bank

By Sue Tiffin
Staff writer

Danielle Barter had some spare time, so she decided to put it to good use.

Barter, a server at Rhurbarb restaurant in Carnarvon, said she organized a May 4 fundraiser for the Minden Food Bank and Haliburton County Food Centre to help others.

"I had an idea to give back to the community, and I had some time on my hands," she said. "Some people struggle in Haliburton and I don't, so I wanted to help those who need it."

To help, Barter organized the brunch through Rhurbarb and watched as the community came together to donate more than 20 prizes for a silent auction, including bed and breakfast stays, local artwork, and outdoor adventure gift

certificates. More than 45 people signed up to the brunch, which cost \$35 per person. Proceeds from the event, minus the small cost of food, were donated to the food

bank. After the event, Barter said \$3,400 had been raised.

"I am so proud and so happy right now," she said. "What a great community we have."

"I thought it was a tremendous idea that Danielle had," said Barb Walford-Davis, chair of the Minden Food Bank board. "It's nice to know that there are businesses in the community to help the food bank. We need everybody's support."

Walford-Davis said that money raised would go toward the new building and

to help stock the food supply, which is always in need. She said the building, where classes will be held to teach residents about how to grow and cook

food, is still in need of a new stove, dishwasher, refrigerators, and kitchen supplies like pots and pans and dishes.

According to their web site, the Minden Food Bank currently has over 600 registered users and annually gives

out over \$180,000 of food. Walford-Davis said donations of baby food and supplies, toiletries including deodorant and toothpaste, and food suitable for diabetic and gluten-free diets are always needed.

"If you give a comfortable life, I guess you just want to give back," said Danielle.

What a great community we have.

Danielle Barter
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Highlander life

Fire chief going strong after 35 years

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Miles Maughan was just 20 years old when he became a volunteer firefighter with the Municipality of Dysart et al.

Thirty-five years later, the current fire chief is still going strong.

Maughan, who was born and raised in Haliburton, got his first job with the municipality's roads department in May of 1977. Some of Maughan's colleagues – who were on also on the fire department – encouraged him to join.

"In September I put an application in and I was accepted in November of '77," recalled Maughan.

He moved up the ladder to the position of captain in 1987 and then became fire chief in 1991.

"In '91 it was a volunteer position," he said. "[It] started out one day a week."

That same year he was asked to take over the roads department as the superintendent – a position he held until 2006. That year the municipality hired a roads superintendent, which led to Maughan becoming the operations manager.

Holding these positions while also serving as fire chief required a careful balancing act.

"The fire chief stuff by then was getting into more and more paperwork... everything has to be documented, everything has to be tested to make sure it's working. It became more and more."

Another change came Maughan's way in 2007 after he became the interim fire chief for Highlands East. He remained Dysart's fire chief during that brief stint, which lasted a few months.

In 2009, Maughan's role with the Dysart department turned into a full-time commitment.

He is the only paid employee within the department. All of the 27 firefighters are volunteers.

Over the years, Maughan has had to learn many things on his own and adapt to



Dysart fire chief Miles Maughan has been with the department for the past 35 years. He recently received a medal from the Office of the Fire Marshal and a certificate from the municipality for his many years of service.

Photo by Mark Arike

changes that have been implemented.

"When I started I didn't have any training. One of the first things I did was started taking courses at the fire college [in Gravenhurst]. In 1994 I graduated from the fire technology course. At

that time, that was what fire chiefs were required to have."

In order to become a fire chief nowadays, most employers look for a candidate with a university education, he said.

"There's lots of extra stuff that they would like to have. You have a budget, you have payroll, you have purchasing... it's just like running any other business."

The fire chief's position has been

challenging but rewarding at the same time.

"It's a challenge. Every day there's something new that you learn," said Maughan, pointing out that just recently he responded to an explosion at a cottage that even had him dumbfounded.

In that incident, the deck fell off the cottage and broke the propane line. The cottage filled with propane and as a result, a fridge inside exploded. Miraculously, a fire didn't start and no one was hurt.

Although more than half of his job consists of paperwork, Maughan still responds to every call.

"It's not a requirement but any fire calls have to be investigated, and so I do the investigations."

Other parts of his job include inspections, public education and demonstrations.

Besides having to respond to "bad emergencies," he says that one of the low points of the job is dealing with people who refuse to obey burning regulations.

"You try to give them the benefit of the doubt by not charging them, but sometimes charging them is the only way to get the message across."

Despite the negatives, the good memories far outweigh the bad ones.

"I meet a lot of great people, and work with some great firefighters and staff," he said, adding that none of it would've been possible without the support of council and staff.

"That made it easier – you'd never be able to do it without that."

Although the 56-year-old is now in a position that he can retire, Maughan chuckles when posed with the ever-looming question of when.

"When it becomes that it's not fun anymore," he said.

During an April 28 council meeting, Maughan received a thank-you letter from the municipality for all his years of service. Deputy fire chief Don Stephenson submitted an application to the Office of the Fire Marshal, which resulted in them sending Maughan a 35-year medal to add to his collection.

It's a challenge. Every day there's something new that you learn.

Miles Maughan
fire chief

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Highlander life



Jaycock retires from hit Canoe FM morning show

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

After over 10 years on the air as the voice of Canoe FM's morning show, a nagging health problem has forced Mike Jaycock to give up his radio spot.

"Last November and December were a couple of really bad months," said Jaycock, who has suffered from a disorder of the inner ear known as Ménière's disease for the past two years.

"Over January and February I had a couple of really bad attacks."

In Jaycock's case, the condition results in hearing loss and episodes of mild to severe vertigo that can last several hours.

"Literally, the whole room just spins. It spins for five hours, and you're violently ill and you just sit in one spot and you literally stare at one point," he said, describing it like being on the Wild Mouse rollercoaster but at double the speed.

Some mornings Jaycock has had to skip his show due to the severity of an episode. The onset of an attack is common in the wee hours of the morning, which is when he likes to prepare for his show.

"Part of it is working at a computer, because you're just staring at it and you're in the same position. Unless I take breaks every 10 minutes, it could trigger at least the balance going off."

Jaycock admits he usually wakes up at 3a.m. and is out of bed to prepare for that morning's broadcast by 4 a.m.

"If you're gonna do it right, you're gonna do the prep."

The longtime volunteer for the station made his decision public on April 29, and the response he's already received has been overwhelming.

"I was quite surprised by how many nice notes I got on Facebook, Twitter and through emails that came directly to me as well."

In looking back at the past decade, Jaycock believes he's developed "a nice relationship" with the listeners.

"People really respond to what you do, and if they know you're sincere about what you're doing they'll give you lots of space."

After his last episode, the 72-year-old plans on sleeping in an extra hour or so each night. However, he hopes to be back on the air from time to time with his co-host, Lorraine McNeil.

The final live episode of "My Haliburton Morning with Mike Jaycock" aired on May 2 between 7 and 9 a.m., with the last hour held in the Canoe FM radio hall. Jaycock was joined by McNeil and Shawn Chamberlin, as well as a large studio audience.

Several members of the community thanked Jaycock for his years of service, including station manager Roxanne Casey.

"This isn't goodbye," said Casey, who expects to see Jaycock on occasion at the station.

"You've done an amazing job over the past many years as our morning host."

Volunteer Simon Payn will take over for Jaycock on Mondays and Tuesdays, along with Barry Willhelm on Wednesdays, Greg Roe on Thursdays and McNeil on Fridays.

Photo by Mark Arike

Canoe FM volunteer Mike Jaycock hosts one of his final programs after 10 years of service.



Photo by Matthew Desrosiers

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Matea Cameron (right) and her four siblings are proud of their mother, Lori Glenn (left).

Photo by Sue Tiffin

Kids prepare to celebrate

By Sue Tiffin
Staff writer

Rebecca Weeks of experiences the bond between mother and child on a regular basis.

As a midwife in Haliburton County, Weeks has been witness to more births than the average mom, and she sees motherhood come to be in different ways.

“Sometimes the thought of being a mother for some women can be both terrifying and exciting in the same breath,” said Weeks. “Some women come at the whole experience from a very clinical perspective and the pregnancy is just that – and it doesn’t really hit them until that little person is placed on their chest and they gaze at this little being. Other women feel like mothers at the moment they find out they are having a baby and they become very maternal immediately.”

“I often hear from women that they ‘don’t feel like this is for real’ but once those little kicks start happening, for most the whole thing becomes very real.”

Weeks said getting the chance to work with moms-to-be is a “crazy, honouring, blessed journey.”

“We get a front row seat into a family’s most intimate moments when their entire world changes – when the world changes for all of us as a new person enters it. What never ever fails is my respect for the strength and resilience of women.”

Weeks is also mom to three kids of her own, including 16-year-old Jessica Toth.

“[On Mother’s Day we] celebrate how hard she works to support us and to be a mom,” said Toth. “She works all day and still manages to tend to our needs.”

Toth said her family celebrates her mom on Mother’s Day

with cards or gifts, but that she makes a point to be good to her year-round.

“I treat her well throughout the year, and I try to be good to her throughout the year,” she said. “But Mother’s Day is extra special.”

Eleven-year-old Matea Cameron’s mom has five children, and Cameron said she doesn’t know how her mom does it.

“I have no idea,” she said of her mom Lori Glenn’s energy and drive, but she said her personality helps.

“Her personality is great. She’s really funny and she really loves her kids.”

Algonquin Highlands resident Glenn is mom to three daughters and two sons between the ages of 11 and 31, and Cameron said the family celebrates her every year on Mother’s Day for good reason.

“It’s kind of like thanking your mom for all the hard work she puts into your life,” said Cameron. “When I see her with my nephews, or giving my older sister advice, you can tell she’s a really good mom.”

Teo O’Malley’s mom, Tina Sawchuk, has two kids and three step kids aged seven to 15. The 10-year-old Minden Hills resident said he treats his mom with flowers and cards on Mother’s Day, but that he also does chores throughout the year like laundry and mowing the lawn.

He said his mom has a lot on her hands with so many kids. “She tries to put up with us when we fight a lot,” he said.

O’Malley said Sawchuk also keeps busy taking him to track meets, soccer, basketball and baseball and that she’s always there for him.

“She does a lot for me,” he said. “She keeps a roof over my head and food on the table.”

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handicap: Marty
Shuster – 306
High triple: Ken
Thompson – 625
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handicap: Ken
Thompson – 690

Women

High average:
Chris Cote – 192
High single:
Saundra Legge – 172
High single
handicap: Saundra
Legge – 284
High triple:
Normal Terro – 433
High triple
handicap: Saundra
Legge – 748

Monday night, April 21

Men

High average:
Rick West – 205
High single:
Norm Goldenberg – 248
High triple:
Doug Reinwald – 658

Women

High average:
Cathy Snell – 220
High single:
Cathy Snell – 293
High triple:
Cathy Snell – 791

Tuesday afternoon, April 22

Men

High average:
Claude Cote – 203
High single:
Ken Thompson – 258
High single
handicap:
Jim Finlay – 311
High triple: John
Pugh – 603
High triple
handicap:
Jim Finlay – 747

Women

High average:
Chris Cote – 189
High single:
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Clendenning – 192
High single
handicap:
Mable
Clendenning – 249
High triple: Mable
Clendenning – 471
High triple
handicap:
Shirley Venner – 693

Wednesday Special Olympics, April 16

Men

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Luke Shapiera – 137
Brent Leffering – 135

Women

Skylar Pratt – 152
Robin Fletcher – 134
Buddy Plouffe – 120

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Men

High average:
Claude Cote – 208
High single: Ken
Thompson – 234
High single
handicap: Dave
Brantom – 272
High triple: Ken
Thompson – 595
High triple
handicap: Bruno
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Women

High average:
Chris Cote – 191
High single: Ren
Higgins – 199
High single
handicap: Barbara
Cameron – 250
High triple:
Ren Higgins – 572
High triple
handicap:
Clara Miscio – 787

Badminton duo smash rivals

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

Two Haliburton Highlands Secondary School (HHSS) senior badminton players have shocked their competition by winning the bronze medal in the 'C' flight of the OFSAA championships.

Tanner Hamilton, Grade 12, and Curtis Ballantyne, Grade 11, competed in Markham on May 1-3.

"[It was] unreal," said Hamilton. "We got to see some really talented players."

To earn their spot in OFSAA, the duo first had to qualify through COSSA. There, they defeated the reigning COSSA gold medallists and OFSAA medallists from last year to earn second place.

This is the first year the pair has played together.

"We play a simple game," Hamilton said. "We work well together."

It wasn't always that way.

At the beginning of season – which started two weeks later because the two boys were competing in the hockey OFSAA tournament – the pair struggled to learn how to play together. Ballantyne was just moving up into the senior division and was an accomplished singles player, having won first in COSSA last year.

The team's coach, Mr. Jason Morrisette, said singles is an entirely different game.

"[Doubles] takes strategy, footwork, [and] position," he said. "Curtis [Ballantyne] had to accept that he's got a spot on the court. He can't do it all himself."

"They had to get a feel for each other."



Photo submitted by Jason Morrisette

Tanner Hamilton, left, and Curtis Ballantyne earned badminton bronze at OFSAA for men's doubles.

The coach credits Hamilton's maturity and leadership, as well as the pair's natural athletic ability, for their success.

"They're both very good athletes," he said.

"[We took] two good athletes, put them together to see if they can work it out."

Hamilton admits it was frustrating at first, but said once Ballantyne relaxed the pair took off.

"As the start of the year, he [Ballantyne] was really nervous and didn't want to make mistakes," he said. "As he got more comfortable with me and Mr. Morrisette, knowing that we're not going to be upset with him – everyone makes mistakes – that's when he started coming around."

"He played very well for our team."

Morrisette said what the pair accomplished is incredible, considering that some of the teams they were up against were club players who had nine to 12-month seasons.

"They worked hard, had a lot of ability, knew what they wanted and they wanted to go to OFSAA really bad," he said. "Mentally, that's where they're the best."

He said he heard from other coaches that both boys loved the pressure and hated to lose.

"It's a unique thing," Morrisette said. "As a coach you don't get to coach guys all the time you can tap them on the shoulder and say 'get out there and get it done.'"

"The other teams weren't ready for these guys."

Racer Emsley back in the saddle

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

Nick Emsley's Ontario Cup season is underway.

Haliburton's young bike racer travelled to Uxbridge on May 3 and 4 to compete in the first Ontario Cup of the season. The 24-kilometre race was split into three laps of eight kms.

"The course was super-fast and fun with some technical sections," Emsley said. "I managed to place 11th and it was a real hard fight through the whole race."

During the course pre-ride, Emsley bent a tire on his bike but was able to get it repaired by the Norco factory mechanics who were on site. Otherwise he would have been in trouble for Sunday's race.

Emsley's next race is a marathon scheduled for May 17. To prepare, he will participate in a training camp on May 10 and 11.

"I am off this weekend to the Canadian National Mountain Bike Development Camp," he said. "I will be training with the Canadian national development coach, the Ontario high performance coach, and the Ontario endurance coach. It is a great opportunity for me, and it is great timing for me to train with them before my next race."



Photo submitted by Nick Emsley

Nick Emsley races through the Uxbridge track on May 4.

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Soul Sacrifice

Soul Sacrifice is a game for the PlayStation Vita.

It is set in a post-apocalyptic world ruled by the sorcerer known as Magusar. The main character (you choose his name) is imprisoned in a jail cell in this diabolical world. The main player learns the secrets of sorcery from a book called the "Librom" (those who have seen the 80s action flick "Army of Darkness" will recognize this little book). The contents of the Librom leads the player into the memories of a powerful sorcerer who is essentially in the game to reveal Magusar's and the sorcerer's past secrets.

The tutorial isn't very informative and leaves the player wondering how to defeat enemies as they are thrust into the first level of the game, alongside Magusar, fighting monsters and the serpent boss. In the game lore, the monsters are animals who have absorbed magic and have been transformed into hideous deformed beasts. Archfiends are people (usually sorcerers) who have been granted a wish by the "Chalice", a floating cup whose price is dear. Some wish for money and become slaves to their own greed, yet others wish for selfish desires. The Chalice grants these wishes then in turn grossly deforms the recipient.

Sorcerers are the games "police." They hunt down monsters and sacrifice them. The player can save or sacrifice archfiends and monsters, but this can sometimes impact the story's outcome.

Soul Sacrifice is cast in doom and gloom and you are a victim of Magusar's requirement to sacrifice people to keep himself alive.

I find that the game is quite interesting on multiple levels. For starters, it is a totally reinvented form of the iconic "hunter" genre, but takes into consideration the forms a person would become if they gave into their material desires. For example a place with a lot of poor people will have many avaricious slimes in that area, possibly due to a poor man giving into his insatiable greed or a man seeking quick money to feed his family, thus slowly giving into material desire and transforming into a horrific beast. Sorcerers can also be transformed if they abuse of their power. One of the first encounters of a transformed boss is "Jack O. Lantern", a man who was so disgusted by war that he became a flaming armoured case of rage.

Would I recommend this title? Absolutely, but only if you like games like Toukiden, Ragnorak Odyssey Ace, or even a Monster Hunter title. It is very different from the other games in this genre, but it does have its own kind of beauty and ambiance.



By Austin McGillion



Photo by Matthew Desrosiers

Members of the Peterborough Lakefield Pedal for Hope cycle team tackled Vinegar Hill on their way to meet with the kids at Wilberforce Elementary School.

Wilberforce kids raise \$2K

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

The Peterborough Pedal For Hope Cycling Team finished the day's ride on May 5 with a gruelling trip up Vinegar Hill on their way to meeting Wilberforce Elementary School (WES) students at the community centre.

This year marked the 10th anniversary of the Pedal For Hope tour, where the team cycles around the area – including Haliburton County – meeting with students and raising money for paediatric cancer research. Marc Habgood, staff sergeant with the Peterborough Lakefield Police Department and member of the cycling team, said they visit 50 schools each year and have raised over \$2 million so far.

Last year the tour raised \$375,000.

At the Lloyd Watson Centre, the officers talked to students about cancer and bullying. The message comes from the tour's roots, where a young boy with cancer in Edmonton was bullied at school because of his hair loss from chemotherapy. The officers in Edmonton shaved their heads and started raising money for cancer research, thus starting the Cops for Cancer group, which later would become Pedal For Hope.

Students at WES raised a total of \$2,090.25 for the officers. The top fundraisers in the school were Erik Morrison with \$278.75, Travis DeSousa with \$112, and Michael Rogers with \$105.

Students, as well as the school's principal, Mr. Gord Wood, and Cardiff councillor Steve Kauffeldt, shaved their heads as a symbol of their support for cancer patients and survivors.

The Pedal For Hope team will continue their tour into Peterborough, where they will wrap up with a community ride that involves children who are battling or have survived cancer.

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From left: Grade 11 HHSS students Maddie Billings, Mia Kocot and Noelle Russell are part of a youth engagement team that helps elementary and high school students feel comfortable discussing and being aware of mental health issues.

Students get talking about mental health

By Sue Tiffin
Staff writer

Sticky notes with inspirational messages reminding high school students to 'just keep swimming,' and 'look out for someone who needs it,' were found stuck to windows, lockers and walls at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School (HHSS) on May 5.

Spreading the encouraging messages was the work of the Youth Engagement Team as they kicked off Mental Health Week, which runs from May 5 to May 9.

"Mental health is a big issue that lots of people don't care about," said 16-year-old Grade 11 student Mia Kocot. "A lot of kids are affected and don't want to talk about it, so they'll hide issues they're having."

Kocot, together with Youth Engagement Team partners Noelle Russell and Maddie Billings, are part of a team of students who volunteer their time to act as student leaders and help spread awareness about mental health in an attempt to end the stigma attached to such issues as depression, anxiety, and suicide. The students informed others that these issues do affect teenagers, and do exist in Haliburton County.

"There's pressure to be a certain way to fit into Haliburton's image," said Billings. "Small towns can be difficult because some people can be pretty narrow-minded, and it's hard to be accepted for who you are."

The teens said sometimes being teased or made fun of might be the last straw for some students who already feel isolated.

"People need to be aware that some things they say can really hurt someone," said Kocot. "You might be joking but your words can really affect someone."

As part of the kick-off for Children's Mental Health week, students quietly listened to a presentation by a guest speaker who said his 10-year-old son died after his peers hung him

in his coat as a joke. Staff from Point in Time, a centre for children, youth and parents, set up a booth in the hallway at the high school and offered information about their services.

One of those staff members, child and family therapist Nicole Mee, acts as school counsellor and runs a high school clinic three times a week for drop-ins and referrals.

She said anxiety, school stress and depression are issues that students at HHSS have come to her about, and some overwhelmed students have had panic attacks at school. Mee's job is to support the students who need it by teaching about coping strategies and by offering a safe place for them to talk about suicidal thoughts and other worries or fears that they'd like to keep confidential.

Mee said it's always essential for parents to be engaged with their teenagers as well, and to be aware that mental health issues can affect anyone. She also said sometimes the common behaviours of teenagers, like spending a lot of time alone in their room, can seem worrisome, but there is a difference between an interest in being alone and depression.

"If something changes in their behaviour and they're really withdrawing from things they were interested in, or becoming more reclusive, these can be signs of depression," said Mee.

She wants students to know there are options available for them if they need to talk, including her services at the school or directly through Point in Time outside of school.

"Kids need to be aware they don't have to be alone when they're struggling," said Mee. "It's not something they need to isolate themselves over."

Mee also said it's important for parents, teachers and members of the community to be knowledgeable about mental health issues and to take them seriously.

"We need to be aware in this society," she said. "It's not bad to have a mental health concern. It's just something people deal with, like the flu."

Mee always welcomes students to talk,

regardless of how minor their issue might seem.

"We're always on it," she said. "It's not a joke. It's their perception and they should be listened to."

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OBITUARIES




Clifford "CJ" Staughton


(resident of Goodrich, Ontario)

Suddenly at Haliburton Hospital on Tuesday morning, April 23, 2014 in his 88th year. Beloved husband of Myra Staughton (nee Higgins) for over 70 years. Loving father of Sharon Staughton-Craig (Ken), Wayne (Dawn), Joan McCausland and Boyd (Lynn). Fondly remembered by his grandchildren, great grandchildren and his great great granddaughters. CJ is the last surviving member of his family. Predeceased by his brothers and sisters Olive, Lloyd, Gladys, Helen, Kathleen, Lydia and Clifford. Also lovingly remembered by many nieces and nephews. CJ owned and operated Staughton Electric, Staughton's Barber Shop, East & Thistle, Staughton & Hunter Holdings Ltd. He owned and operated his own bus route for the local school for over 50 years.

Memorial Gathering & Reception

A Memorial Gathering & Reception will be held at the ROBERT McCausland MEMORIAL COMMUNITY CENTRE in Goodrich, Ontario on Saturday afternoon, May 3, 2014 from 2 - 4 p.m. Private Interment: Goodrich Cemetery. As expressions of sympathy, donations to the Heart & Stroke Foundation or the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary would be appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME 15523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705)457-9202.





In Loving Memory of

William "Bill" "Brownie" David Brown
(Retired Police Officer for 24 1/2 years with Ontario Township Police, Haliburton Police Department and Staff Sgt. Badge #28 (Ret. Regional Police.))


Passed away peacefully at the Haliburton Hospital on Saturday, January 25, 2014 at the age of 85.

Beloved husband of Maude for 59 years. Dear father of Yvonne (Rick) Macle, step father of John Hilton, loving grandfather of Ryan, and Curtis, and son-in-law of Bessie Puckering. Dear brother of Elroy Little, predeceased by his sister Edith Hamilton and by his brother Harry Brown. Fondly remembered by his friends and family.

Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Robeygon Rd. B31, Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0 on Thursday, May 8, 2014 from 12:00 o'clock noon until the time of the Service to Celebrate Bill's Life at 3:00 p.m. Interment at the Minden Cemetery. A reception will follow.

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Junior highlanders

Rotary Radio Day returns to airwaves

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School students will take over Canoe FM's airwaves on May 14 as part of the sixth annual Rotary Radio Days.

"This year, the focus is on what's happening at the high school in terms of the content," said Jennifer Paton, staff advisor for the high school's Interact club. "In other years the focus has more been on Rotary and what Rotarians are doing."

Through the fundraiser, students in Grades 9-12 sell radio advertisements to local businesses and write the content for those spots. They also record interviews with student groups and local Rotarians from both the Haliburton and Minden clubs.

"All of the money from the ads comes back to the high school for charity," said Paton, pointing out that last year's program raised about \$1,500.

Anywhere between 15 and 30 students will be volunteering their time with the program, said Paton.

Funds raised through this year's event will be donated to Education is Power, a volunteer organization that helps cover school fees for students in East Africa and hire teachers at struggling primary and secondary schools in the region.

Paton said the Interact club is "kind of a

high school version of a service club." Each year they must decide how to support their own community and get behind an initiative with a "global international focus."

"We've been tending to pick smaller charities where we feel like we can make a bigger difference, rather than contributing to something big... They've consistently picked education as a theme, and young people and making a difference."

Rotary Radio Day is just one part of a week's worth of fundraising activities that the club is undertaking. Other events will include a bake sale and "buyout" at the school.

Students who put time into Rotary Radio Day after school are eligible to receive community service hours, said Paton.

"I think it's a wonderful partnership between the students and the community. I think our students gain a lot by meeting people in the community and working with local businesses."

Haliburton Rotarian Andy Salvatori also believes the initiative is a great cause.

"It's good to support the kids at the high school," said Salvatori. "It gets people involved, and it's usually an international charity they pick. It's good to look outside the local community. There's lots we can work on here, but there's lots out there too."

On May 14, listeners tuned in to 100.9 FM can also support the students by making a donation to request a song.

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Jennifer Paton
staff advisor
Interact club

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NOTICE OF THE PASSING OF A ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT

Application RZ 13-08, Part of Lot 24, Concession A, geographic Township of Snowdon
By-law - 14-05

TAKE NOTICE that the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills passed By-law No. 14-05 on the 24th day of April, 2014 under Section 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990. By-law No. 14-05 amends Schedule "15" of Zoning By-law 06-10, as amended, as it pertains to those lands described above, by rezoning the subject lands from the Rural (RU) Zone to the Community Facility Exception One (CF-1)(H) Holding Zone to allow the construction of a religious retreat centre, as described in Paragraphs 1 and 2 of the By-law. This By-law conforms to the Township of Minden Hills Official Plan. The complete by-law is available for inspection in my office during regular office hours.

By-law No.14-05 is subject to a Holding Symbol (H) which will not be removed until the owner(s) has entered into a site plan agreement or development agreement with the Township.

The Holding (H) provision associated with this rezoning means that no development can occur on the property until the conditions, as specified in the by-law, have been met. Once these conditions have been met to the satisfaction of the municipality, an application for "Removal of Holding Provision" must be submitted to the municipality with payment of the applicable fee in effect at the time. The application will be processed and a by-law must be passed by Council authorizing the removal of the Holding Provision. Only then, will development be allowed.

AND TAKE NOTICE any person or agency may appeal a by-law to the Ontario Municipal Board by filing with the Clerk of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills not later than the 28th day of May, 2014, a Notice of Appeal setting out the objection to the by-law and the reasons in support of the objection, accompanied by a fee of \$125.00, made payable to the Minister of Finance, as prescribed under the Ontario Municipal Board Act.

DATED at the Township of Minden this 8th day of May, 2014.

Adam King, M.R.M., Planning
Administrator

NOTE: Only individuals, corporations and public bodies may appeal a by-law to the Ontario Municipal Board. A Notice of Appeal may not be filed by an unincorporated association or group. However, a Notice of Appeal may be filed in the name of an individual who is a member of the association or the group on its behalf. No person or public body shall be added as a party to the hearing of the appeal unless, before the by-law was passed, the person or public body made oral submissions at a public meeting or written submissions to Council, or in the opinion of the Ontario Municipal Board, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.



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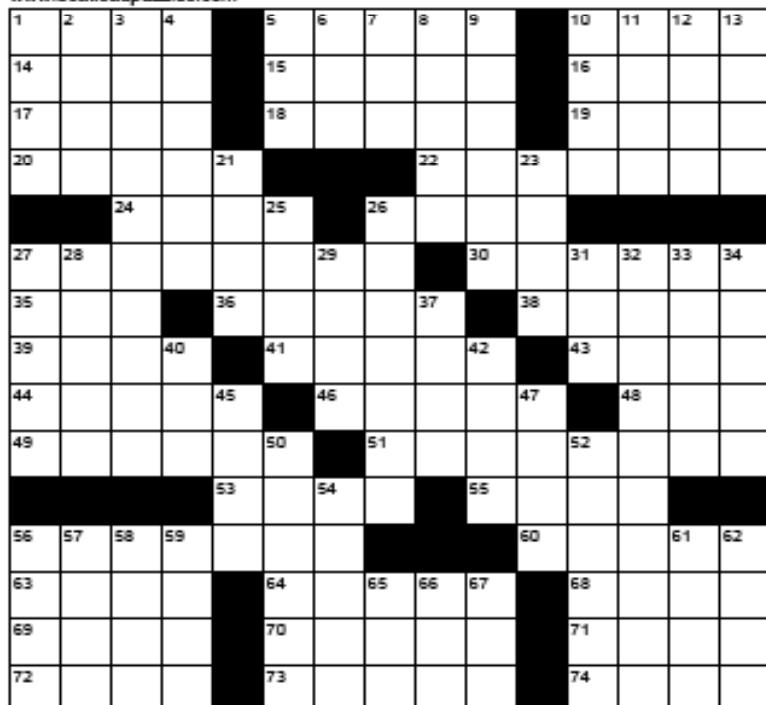
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15. Owned apartment
16. Above
17. Business abbr.
18. Computer key
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24. Is mistaken
26. On the ocean
27. Aardvark
30. Warns of danger
35. Broadcast
36. Malt brews
38. Night sound
39. Not imaginary
41. Kilt fold
43. Stash away
44. Group of eight
46. Legendary stories
48. "____ Lost You"
49. Required
51. Got worse again
53. Makes a hole
55. Distinct times
56. Craftsperson
60. List entries
63. Fodder
64. Monikers
68. Toledo's lake
69. "The Diary of _____ Frank"
70. Remove
71. River in Egypt
72. Poles
73. Winter forecast
74. Young adult

DOWN

1. Agreement
2. Medicinal plant
3. Commit (a crime)
4. Be ambitious
5. Top card
6. Coal measure
7. High explosive (abbr.)
8. Thoughts
9. Eye surface
10. Rounded roof
11. Like Satan
12. Simple
13. Crude metals
21. Lackluster
23. Guys' dates
25. Stride
26. In _____ (late with payment)
27. Baseball great Hank _____
28. Brother's daughter
29. Snakelike fish
31. Naval rank (abbr.)
32. Cooking device
33. Treasure _____
34. Did embroidery
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47. Calcutta dress
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56. Remote
57. Casino city
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MAY 2014 EVENTS

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Seniors Standing Balance Exercise Class – Minden Hospital, every Thursday, 2 p.m.	Haliburton Highlands Young Professionals Network Kick-off Event – Pinestone, 6-9 p.m. Youth Awards Night – Haliburton Legion, 7 p.m.	M&M Meetshops Charity BBQ – Haliburton M&M, 10-4 p.m.	Country music jamboree – S.G. Nesbitt Arena, 1-5 p.m. Haliburton Legion Ladies Auxiliary breakfast, 9:30-1 p.m.
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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
	Haliburton Highlands Quilt Guild – Stanhope Community Centre, 1 p.m.	CFUW Haliburton Highlands open meeting – Fleming College Great Room, 7 p.m. Friends of the Library AGM – Common Room, Minden Hills Community Centre, begins at 1 p.m.	
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FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
	Giant book & book basket sale – Minden Hills Library, 10-3 p.m. Ceramics for your Garden workshop – The Art Hive, 7-9 p.m., \$35.	Send your not for profit community event to <i>ashley@haliburtonhighlander.ca</i> for your free listing	
16	17	18	19
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Haliburton Branch (705-457-2571) General meeting, 2 nd Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Ladies Auxiliary, last Thursday, 1 p.m. Meat draw, Friday, 4:30-8:30 p.m. \$2/draw. 50/50 draw, Saturday, 4 p.m. Breakfast, 2 nd and 4 th Sunday, 9:30-1 p.m. Bid Euchre, Wednesday, 1 p.m. Bingo, Wednesday, 7 p.m.	Minden Branch (705-286-4541) Lunch menu, Monday – Friday, 12-2 p.m. Seniors "B-d" Euchre, Tuesday, 1 p.m. Meat Draw, Wednesday, lunchtime. Creative Crew, Thursday, 10 a.m. Ladies darts, Thursday, 1 p.m. Euchre, Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Fish/Wings & Chips, Friday, 5-7 p.m. Mixed darts, Friday, 7:30 p.m. Sports Fan Day, Sunday, 12-4 p.m.	Wilberforce Branch (705-448-2221) Community Care 55+ lunch, Friday, 12 p.m. 705-448-2106. Pool, Friday, 1:30 p.m. Jam session, Friday, 7 p.m. Everyone welcome! Lou Moody Memorial Rainbow Trout Derby, Saturday. Meat draw, Saturday, 2 p.m. Bid euchre, Monday, 7 p.m.	

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What's on



Photo By Lauren Hunter

Miranda Nickle works at the Ontario Early Years Education Centre. She is a member of the Haliburton Highlands Young Professionals Network's steering committee.

Young Highlanders join forces

By Sue Tiffin
Staff writer

Haliburton County is home – or could be home – to educated, trained and skillful residents in their 20s and 30s.

The Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce said it has heard feedback from focus groups made up of young professionals who want to live, work and play in the community, and so the Young Professionals Network (YPN) was born.

Now, the YPN is celebrating its first event with a free meet and greet at the Pinestone on May 9. The event promises free snacks, cheap room rates for those who want to stay late, and the chance for young professionals to get together and be part of a positive network that works for them.

“I hope this network turns into a voice for youth in the community,” said Lauren Hunter, member services representative for the Chamber.

Hunter said event organizers – the chamber and a steering committee made up of a variety of professionals from the area – expected at least 40 guests at the party. Though the traditional professionals might include doctors, lawyers and

veterinarians, Hunter said the term now extends to include artists, tradespeople and craftspeople.

“We’re going to take that word back and make it for ourselves,” she said. “We all have skills to offer.”

Hunter said the night is only the beginning for the YPN, which will gather feedback at the party and move forward with mentorship programs, guest speaker nights and a monthly networking event if members are interested. She said the group has already generated interest and that people said they want affordable housing, transportation, and job opportunities to make life work here.

The goal of the YPN will be to help facilitate business opportunities for young people who might be living in the area, be considering moving to the Highlands, or who have left to study.

“We want to give them reason to come back, and we think they will if only opportunities exist for them,” said Hunter.

For more information about the event, or to learn more about the YPN after the party, visit the YPN Facebook page at facebook.com/HaliburtonHighlandsYPN or watch an excerpt from this week’s County Hot Seat on HighlanderOnline.ca

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